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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1733

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takashi SHIMIZU et al.

Application No.: 09/425,027

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For: FORMED LINING FOR VEHICLE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE

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Docket No.: 104610

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the November 21, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4-6 and 12-17 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 18-21 as follows:

(Amended) A method for manufacturing a formed headliner for a vehicle,

comprising:

laminating a hot melt adhesive in a pattern on a back of a top cover member comprising a top cover and a polyurethane foam, the top cover being made of tricot and laminated on a front of the polyurethane foam;